



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held September 28, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve budget adjustments for use of additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04 General Fund, Hospital Enterprise, and Special Funds/Districts fund balance in FY 2004-05 County Budget; adjustments to reflect FY 2004-05 State Budget actions; and amend the current hiring and promotional freeze.

David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer addressed the Board.

38.1

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"It is vital that we as a County adequately fund our District Attorney prosecution function. In order to ensure that we are doing so, we need to look at providing the District Attorney with additional resources. The District Attorney has been vigilant in pursuing Federal reimbursement for certain prosecution functions that has resulted in additional trust revenue accruing to the Department. The ongoing portion of this revenue flowing to the Department ought to be matched by this Board to allow the District Attorney to hire much-needed prosecutors.

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe made a motion that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back in 30 days with a recommendation on how to fund at least 45 new prosecutors within the District Attorney's office.

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38.1 through 38.4 (Continued)

38.1 (Continued)

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On August 3, 2004, the Board took action to approve placing on the November 2, 2004 ballot a ½ cent sales tax measure to raise funds to address law enforcement needs throughout the County. The District Attorney’s Office would be eligible for any funds as a result of this measure.”

Therefore, Supervisor Burke offered an amendment to Supervisor Knabe’s motion to have the Chief Administrative Officer report back to the Board on how to fund the 45 new prosecutors within the District Attorney’s office, after the November 2, 2004 election. Supervisor Knabe accepted Supervisor Burke’s amendment.

38.2

Supervisor Yaroslavsky presented a joint motion with Supervisor Molina that the Board instruct the Auditor-Controller to initiate an independent management audit of the Probation Department, conducted by a management firm working in partnership with an expert in juvenile justice systems, to evaluate the operations of the Probation Department, facilitate a strategic planning process, and engage in concrete steps to implement necessary reforms to our juvenile justice system.

38.3

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“In Fiscal Year 2003-04, the County eliminated the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Trails Crew, to help fund the Countywide structural budget deficit. This curtailment has resulted in serious health and safety issues along the 134 miles of trails for which the Department is responsible to maintain, including overgrown vegetation, fallen trees and tree limbs, illegal dumping, and eroded and washed out trail sections and fire roads. These conditions represent not only a potential hazard to hikers, bikers and equestrians, but also limit access for fire personnel and equipment to extinguish brush fires. The lack of sufficient staff dedicated to trail maintenance could lead to citations and fines from the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures and from the Fire Department, due to lack of compliance in clearing brush away from adjacent homes. Furthermore, the reduction of trails maintenance staff has led to the establishment of homeless camps at some staging areas. Restoration of the trails staff would allow the Department to deal with existing issues, and also to mobilize volunteers in some areas to assist with trail maintenance.”

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38.1 through 38.4 (Continued)

38.3 (Continued)

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate funds from the Provisional Financing Uses account to increase the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget, to add \$269,000 and five (5) positions to restore the Trails Crew, and one-time costs of \$58,000 to purchase necessary equipment to assist in the maintenance of the trails.

38.4

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The Public Library's Integrated Library System (ILS) is obsolete and needs to be replaced. The ILS is the Department's core computer system which supports several mission-critical business functions, including the circulation and acquisition of library materials, library catalog, fines/fees accounting, customer account management, and access to online reference databases. The new system will be web-enabled and supports the County's strategic direction to conduct County business electronically and to deliver services through the Internet. Replacement of the ILS has been documented in the Department's Business Automation Plan, which has been reviewed and approved by the Chief Information Office.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board approve a \$4.5 million budget augmentation from the Appropriation for Contingencies fund to the Public Library's Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) fund for the replacement of the Department's Integrated Library System.

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38.1 through 38.4 (Continued)

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, and carried, with the exception of the “no votes” as indicated, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendations dated September 28, 2004, regarding use of additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-04 General Fund, Hospital Enterprise, and Special Funds/Districts fund balance in FY 2004-05 County Budget and adjustments to reflect FY 2004-05 State Budget actions; and amending the current hiring and promotional freeze, with the following “no” votes being recorded:

Supervisor Molina:

Item 26 on Page 7 of the attachment to the Chief Administrative Officer's letter dated September 28, 2004, pertaining to the allocation of \$265,000 to the Probation Department for the Arms Reduction Management (DISARM) Program

Supervisor Antonovich:

Item 26 on Page 7 of the attachment to the Chief Administrative Officer's letter dated September 28, 2004, pertaining to the In-Home Supportive Services provider wage increase

2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board after the November 2, 2004 election, (November 16, 2004 meeting), with a recommendation on how to fund 45 new prosecutors within the District Attorney's Office;
3. Instructed the Auditor-Controller to initiate an independent management audit of the Probation Department, conducted by a management firm working in partnership with an expert in juvenile justice systems, to evaluate the operations of the Probation Department, facilitate a strategic planning process, and engage in concrete steps to implement necessary reforms to our juvenile justice system;

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38.1 through 38.4 (Continued)

4. Continued one week to October 5, 2004, Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate funds from the Provisional Financing Uses account to increase the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget, to add \$269,000 and five (5) positions to restore the Trails Crew, and one-time costs of \$58,000 to purchase necessary equipment to assist in the maintenance of the trails; and
5. Continued to a meeting after the November 2, 2004 election, (November 16, 2004 meeting), Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to approve a \$4.5 million budget augmentation from the Appropriation for Contingencies fund to the Public Library's Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) fund for the replacement of the Department's Integrated Library System.

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Attachment

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